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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 4303

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: UR, KU, MASS
SUBJECT: REPORTED DELIVERY OF SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO KUWAIT

REF: KUWAIT 2694 (NOTAL)

1. CHUSLOK HAS RECEIVED A SKETCHY REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT
A SOVIET SHIP CALLED AT KUWAIT JULY 27, UNLOADED
UNIDENTIFIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT JULY 27-28, AND DEPARTED.
THE KUWAITI MILITARY REPORTEDLY WERE EXPECTING THE SHIP BUT
HAD NOT ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR UNLOADING THE MATERIAL AND
TRANSPORTING IT TO STORAGE, NOR WERE THEY WELL ORGANIZED
TO RECEIVE THE "SEVENTEEN OFFICERS" WHO WERE INVOLVED IN
UNLOADING AND WHO REPORTEDLY STAYED IN KUWAIT WHEN THE SHIP
DEPARTED. THE KUWAITIS FINALLY RESORTED TO USING A LOCAL
FREIGHT HANDLING FIRM TO UNLOAD AND TRANSPORT THE
MATERIAL.

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2. COMMENT: BRITISH EMBASSY SOURCES, WHO USUALLY HAVE
BETTER ACCESS THAN WE DO TO INFORMATION ON KUWAITI
GROUND FORCES, ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM THIS REPORT.
AN EXAMINATION OF GOK SHIPPING RECORDS SUGGESTS
THAT THE VESSEL IN QUESTION MAY HAVE BEEN ONE NAMED
"FLOTA 1," WHICH RECORDS INDICATE DOCKED JULY 26 AND

DEPARTED WITHIN A FEW DAYS THEREAFTER. AS NOTED REFTTEL,
DESPITE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE GOK STATEMENTS TO THE
EFFECT THAT SOVIET MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL NOT BE
PRESENT IN KUWAIT IN CONNECTION WITH PURCHASE OF LUNA
AND SA-7 MISSILES, THE PREPONDERANCE OF REPORTS IS TO
THE EFFECT THAT THE KUWAITIS MAY INDEED HAVE
ACQUIESCED IN RECEIVING SOME SOVIET TECHNICAL PERSONNEL
IN CONNECTION WITH LUNA DELIVERIES. ALSO, EARLIER
REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF LUNAS
WOULD TAKE PLACE AT ABOUT THIS TIME.
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